GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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INDO-IRAN GAS PIPE LINE
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the proposed Indo-Iran Gas Pipe Line Project has been held up due to the tensions on the line of control; and

(b) if so, the steps proposed to be taken to safeguard the same ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH)

(a)-(b) The Joint Committee constituted by India and Iran in May 2000 to study all aspect of supply of Iranian gas to India, including different modes of transportation, route options and related political, security, economic and technical issues, has been continuing with its mandated work. So far the Committee has held five meetings, the last being held at Tehran in August 2002. Work related to feasibility studies is in progress.

India and Iran are firmly committed to establish a long-term, cost effective and secure mode of transfer of gas from Iran to India.